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Annotated provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session

(a) Election of officers

The President and Vice-Presidents of the Executive Board represent the regional groups of the United Nations. In accordance with the rotation scheme established in decision 1992/7 (E/ICEF/1992/14), for 2008 the President will be nominated from among the Western European and Other Group of States that are members of the Board.

(b) Statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda, timetable and organization of work

[*For action — E/ICEF/2008/1*]

The provisional agenda has been drafted in consultation with the Bureau. The Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments it considers necessary.

3. UNICEF child protection strategy

[*For action — E/ICEF/2008/5*]

Following the presentation of an oral report on the UNICEF child protection strategy made at the second regular session of 2007, the secretariat is presenting the final draft strategy for approval by the Executive Board.

4. Update on children in armed conflict: oral report

5. Biennial support budget for 2008-2009

[*For action — E/ICEF/2008/AB/L.1*]

The biennial support budget, which uses the harmonized results-based format agreed upon by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and UNICEF, is presented for discussion and approval. The Board is requested to approve the decision contained in paragraph 110. The report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed budget (E/ICEF/2008/AB/L.2) is available for review by the Executive Board.

6. Private fund-raising and partnerships: 2008 workplan and budget for private fund-raising

[*For action — E/ICEF/2008/AB/L.3*]

The report covers the workplan and proposed budget for 2008 of the UNICEF office that brings together the work of the former Geneva Regional Office, Private Sector Division and Office of Public Partnerships. The document includes draft decisions submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

7. UNICEF evaluation policy

[*For action — E/ICEF/2008/4*]

This report was prepared in response to Executive Board decision 2006/9, in which the Board requested UNICEF to prepare a comprehensive evaluation policy for consideration by the Board. The Executive Board is requested to approve the draft decision found in paragraph 57.

8. Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation

[*For action*]

(a) Approval of country programme documents (CPDs) discussed at the second regular session of 2007

At the second regular session of 2007, the Executive Board discussed 14 draft CPDs for full programme cycles (Colombia, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Mexico, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pacific island multi-country, Rwanda, Somalia and Togo) and approved the aggregate indicative budgets for these country programmes. The comments were shared with the respective country offices, and the CPDs were revised as appropriate and posted on the UNICEF website within six weeks of the session. The Executive Board will approve these CPDs on a no-objection basis unless at least five Board members have informed the secretariat in writing that they wish to discuss a particular country programme.

(b) Recommendation for additional regular resources for approved country programmes

[*E/ICEF/2008/P/L.2*]

The Executive Board is requested to approve additional regular resources for approved country programmes that lack sufficient funds to cover the programme period due to revised planning levels for regular resources allocations.

(c) Recommendation for additional other resources for approved country programmes

[*E/ICEF/2008/P/L.3*]

The Executive Board is requested to approve increases in other resources ceilings for approved country programmes that expect to take in other resources funding that exceeds the levels originally approved by the Board.

(d) Intercountry programmes

[*E/ICEF/2008/P/L.1*]

As a result of the harmonization of the budgets of UNICEF, UNDP and UNFPA, the proposals relating to the previous category 4 (advocacy and programme development for headquarters and regional offices) are presented separately from the support budget. The Executive Board is asked to approve the draft decisions found in paragraphs 47 and 48.

9. Pledging event

As part of the UNICEF resource mobilization strategy (decision 1999/8), during the pledging event, which is held at the first regular session each year, Governments in a position to do so will announce their voluntary contributions to UNICEF regular resources for 2008, together with firm or indicative commitments for future years.

10. Annual report to the Economic and Social Council

[*For action — E/ICEF/2008/3*]

The report focuses on the triennial comprehensive policy review of United Nations operational activities for development, the implementation of the reform programmes of the Secretary-General, follow-up to the United Nations Summit of September 2005 and other relevant decisions of the Council, including on follow-up to other international conferences and humanitarian and disaster relief assistance. The Board may wish to take note of the report and transmit it, together with the comments made by delegations at the present session, to the Council at its substantive session of 2008.

Under this agenda item, the Board will also consider an information note by the secretariat on recent reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) that are of relevance to UNICEF (E/ICEF/2008/6).

11. Other matters

The Board may consider discussing any other issues that it finds appropriate under this agenda item.

12. Closing statements by the Executive Director and the President

Annex

Proposed timetable and organization of work for the 2008 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board 29 January-1 February 2008*

Tuesday 29 January	3:00-5:00	*Item 1*	Opening of the session: (a) Election of officers (b) Statements by the President and the Executive Director
		Item 2	Adoption of the provisional agenda, timetable and organization of work
		Item 5	Biennial support budget 2008-2009
	5:00-6:00		*Informal consultations*
Wednesday 30 January	10:00-1:00	*Item 5 (cont'd)*	Biennial support budget 2008-2009
		Item 6	Private fund-raising and partnerships: 2008 workplan and budget for private fund-raising
	3:00-5:00	*Item 3*	UNICEF child protection strategy
		Item 4	Update on children and armed conflict: oral report
	5:00-6:00		*Informal consultations*
Thursday 31 January	10:00-1:00	*Item 7*	UNICEF evaluation policy
		Item 8	Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation: (a) Approval of country programme documents discussed at the second regular session of 2007 (b) Recommendation for additional regular resources for approved country programmes (c) Recommendation for additional other resources for approved country programmes (d) Intercountry programmes
	3:00-5:00	*Item 9*	Pledging event
		Item 10	Annual Report to the Economic and Social Council
	5:00-6:00		*Informal consultations*
Friday 1 February	10:00-1:00	*Item 11*	Other matters Adoption of draft decisions
		Item 12	Closing statements by the Executive Director and the President

* When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.